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WELCOME TO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

May 4, 5 and 6, 1954

Plymouth Congregational Church

Lawrence, Kansas

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

APRIL • 1954

In Memory

Mrs. Ida D. Gray, wife of the late Reverend Samuel Gray who held Congregational pastorates in Kansas for many years, died on March 3 at the Masonic Home in Wichita. Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. George Fisk.

Western Pastor's School La Foret

The dates this year are July 7 to August 4. Those adready enrolled from Kansas are John Rossel, Malcolm White, Richard R. Zoppel, Millard Marshall and Henry Eden Wright. This year wives will be accepted with the cost of board, room and travel being personal to them. Board and room for wives is $25.00 a week .

Kansas is eligible to have three more ministers in attendance at this retreat for worship, study and fellowship. If interested, write the Conference office.

Easter Accessions

Cards have been sent to ministers and (or) clerks by the Rev. Hans Poppe, Chairman of the Conference Evangelism Committee requesting each church to send the number of members added since January first. Please mail the morning after Easter so numbers can be tabulated before the Centennial Conference. Our membership as of January 1 is 19,006. We need 994 more to make the 20,000 goal.

Church Loan Fund

We are delighted with a recent pledge from Partridge for $800.00 and from Smith Center for $600.00. This brings our Kansas total to $58,685.12. Our goal is $75,000. There are still about 20 churches who have not responded to the opportunitiy of helping in this great cause.

Nationally the goal has reached $4,150,000.00, towards the four and ½ million. More than $1,000,000.00 has been paid in and is at work. Churches are needed in hundreds of unchurched communities. Ours is the task to take God's Word to places where it now is not. Have you done your share?

I Am Thankful To The Past

The Church represents to us a heritage from the pioneers. The early builders in America may not all have been saints or all-saintly. But the past stands with its treasures and heroism, its privations and sacrifices in building for the future. I remember the older folk of my childhood, who kept the church alive. I remember how they admonished me to pay heed to regular attendance at church. I can see it all now, they were right.

What of the future? The training of my elders left its effect upon me. How about the coming generation? Will the children of the present generation be as fortunate as I was? and have the same spiritual capital to draw upon? I wonder.

—Reuben R. Trickey,
Welborn Visitor

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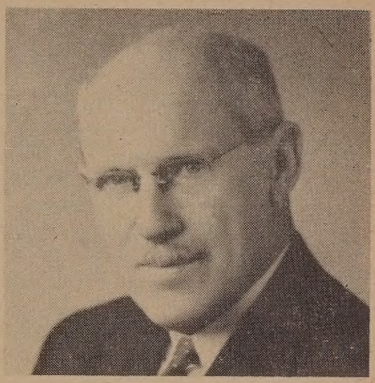

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A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas

1854 - 1954

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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The Oldest Church in Kansas

The Reverend Dale Emerson Turner, Minister

Mr. Gordon Jones, Moderator

The Reverend L. M. Rymph Superintendent

TUESDAY, May 4

Dr. Leiper Highlights Opening Session

Registration and Fellowship will begin at one o'clock in the Parish House. Mr. Gordon Jones, Moderator will call the Conference to order promptly at 2:00 P.M. Singing of the Centennial Hymn composed by the Reverend Fred Smith of Ellis, will set a joyful yet sobering tone for the memorable sessions. Mr. Smith has keyed his well chosen words to the heart moving tune — Bolyston — to which "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" is most commonly sung. The opening address will be given by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper of New York City, Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council. He will speak on the theme, "A Hundred Years of Christian Progress." Dr. Leiper was for 22 years Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. During this period and since he has practically "commuted" between the United States and Europe — having made his 74th crossing last June. With contacts including not only church and political leaders, but the common people in some 37 lands, Dr. Leiper, who possesses a genius for creating warm friendships with people of all races and economic classes, captivates his audiences by the humanness of his message.

Conference and Association Business Meetings

Following a business session which will include reports of departments and election of officers and committees for the coming year, the associations will meet at 4:30. Their main item of business will be the election of association delegates to the General Council. Nominations will be presented in each association from names submitted by the local churches, by a committee made up of the association representative on the state nominating committee, the association Moderator and registrar. Presiding at the meetings will be the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Moderator of Eastern, Mrs. John H. Jones, Moderator of Southern, and Mrs. C. E. Personett, Moderator of Western.

Dinner Meeting

The Student Union Building on the University Campus will furnish a beautiful setting for the fellowship dinner at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mr. James Postma, Attorney at Law, Layman at Lawrence Plymouth and Co-Chairman of the local committee, will preside. Professor C. M. Correll, author of

"A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas" will be in charge of special recognition of ministers who have been ordained 50 years or more, past Moderators of the Kansas Conference, and out-of-state ministers who have served Kansas churches.

Centennial Pageant

"The Days of Our Years", a pageant in four parts written by Miss Carmie Wolfe of Topeka Central will be presented in the sanctuary by a cast from Central Church and others at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. We are greatly indebted to Miss Wolfe for the many hours spent in research which have made possible her vivid portrayal through song and story of the events, places and personalities that have played a vital role in Kansas Congregational history for the past 100 years. As a prelude to the pageant, Massed Choirs from Eastern Association churches will sing, Gounod's, "Unfold Ye Portals" — interpreted by a Rhythmic Choir from Central Pilgrim Fellowship. The "Call of Kansas" will be sounded in "Song of the Prairie" and "Home on the Range" sung by Professor Charles Sager and Kansas poetry by Miss Miriam Franklin.

Retrospect

Part Two will recall periods and people of the century with the following cast taking part:

Mother Plymouth — Mrs. Renna Hunter; Nurse Time — Mrs. F. W .Epps; Memory — Mrs. Evan Haughowout; Dr. Richard Cordley — Rev. W. P. Ames; Dr. Chas. M. Sheldon — Dr. Charles W. Helsley; The Printer, "In His Steps" — Rev. James B. Burnside; Mr. Frank Korab — Mr. R. V. Smrha.

Achievement Review

Part Three will be a symbolic and emblematic presentation of the past century with choirs and standard bearers passing in review before Dr. Cordley, Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Korab. Participating choirs from Eastern Association are: Kansas City First Pilgrim, Rosedale, Ruby and Welborn, Lawrence, Manhattan, Maple Hill, Onaga, Ottawa, Prairie Village, Sabetha, Topeka Central, First, Seabrook and Seaman. Last in the procession comes Pilgrim Fellowship with Roger Brown, State Pilgrim Fellowship President and Margaret Epps, Camp Counselor bringing a message of the life and vitality of the youth of our fellowship.

Courage For A New Day

As Mother Plymouth is crowned queen of the Centennial by Dr. L. M. Rymph, Superintendent of the Kansas Conference, he challenges all as children of Mother Plymouth to share the glory of a century of achievement and go forth to build on the solid foundations of the past, striving toward bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth. Climaxing the pageant, the "Hallelujah Chorus" is sung by the Massed Choirs under the direction of Mr. Charles Sager with Mrs. F. B. Hunt at the organ.

Wednesday, May 5

Courtesy breakfasts will be served each morning at Plymouth Church from 7:45 to 8:30. At the opening session on Wednesday the Reverend Stephen J. Williams will bring the Conference Sermon, using as his theme: "Unlimited Vision." The Reverend John P. Jockinson, Director of Field Development for Chicago Theological Seminary will speak on "The Romance of the Christian Ministry." Mr. Jockinson was minister of our Manhattan Church from 1925 to 1931 when he left to serve the Union Church in Manila.

Miss Margaret Hargrove of New York City, National Secretary of Woman's Work will bring the closing address of the morning on "What's To Come." Following 20 years in Academic work, Miss Hargrove took over her National post in our fellowship because she felt that "the church has a most important role to play in our modern world."

Sectional Meetings

At the women's meeting, Mrs. E. C. Garrison, president, will preside. The program will include a service of worship and memory conducted by Mrs. John H. Jones and Mrs. W. I. Boone, the election and consecration of officers, the dedication of the Woman's Gift and greetings from Turkey by Mrs. Raymond White. Miss Hargrove will speak on "The Heart of the Matter."

Mr. Chester Bildeman, president, will preside at the Laymen's Fellowship meeting. Dr. Leiper will speak on "The Man of Nazareth and Church Men". Mr. Gordon Jones and Mr. E. C. Wedell will tell of the La Foret meeting in August and the National Laymen's meeting. Mrs. Raymond White, missionary from Turkey, will speak briefly. Laymen from over the state are asked to come prepared to tell of men's projects in their own local church.

The Reverend Richard R. Zoppel will preside at the Ministers' Forum where brief messages will be brought by Mr. Jockinson and the Reverend Raymond White. A talk on "Communicating the Gospel" by Dr. Leiper will be followed by discussion.

Assistant Moderator Presides

Presiding over the Wednesday evening dinner session will be Mrs. W. J. Rudrauff of Wichita Plymouth, Assistant Moderator of the Conference. She will present Dr. Leiper who will talk on "Christ in the Next Century."

Keynote Address

It was with deep regret that we received a wire from Ronald Bridges just before the Conference programs went to press, stating that it would be impossible for him to fulfill his commitment of a year's standing to be our Centennial Guest.. However, Dr. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley, California responded favorably to our telephone call and we are delighted to have him come. Dr. Loper, minister of The First Congregational Church in Berkeley was Moderator of the General Council 1950-52. He will speak at the 8 o'clock sanctuary service Wednesday evening on the theme, "That They Go Forward." Choirs of the Southern and Western Associations represented in the Massed Choir will be: Ellis, Emporia First, Eureka, Garden City, Great Bend, Hutchinson, Independence, Kinsley, McPherson, Mount Hope, Osborne, Partridge and Smith Center. They will sing, "Send Out Thy Light" and "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod. The Lawrence Plymouth Choir will also sing — all under the direction of Mr. Clayton Krehbeil of Kansas University with Mrs. Marian Replogle at the organ.

Thursday, May 6

The Reverend and Mrs. Raymond F. White, on furlough, serving under the American Board at Mardin, Turkey will speak Thursday morning on "The Way In Turkey." The White's were commissioned for their work in the Near East at our Conference Leader's Planning Session held at Camp Wood the fall of 1948. Mr. White was born in Garfield, Kansas. In Turkey the White's home has been a hospitable center for friends of all creeds and races. In a sturdy jeep they have made many visits to isolated villages teaching

improved agricultural methods and a Christian way of life. Dr. Loper's closing address, "A Life Is Offered" will be followed by a service of Holy Communion administered by the Reverend Theodore N. Goodale and the Reverend Kenneth A. Holmes.

Entertainment

Lodging will be provided in homes and breakfast served at Plymouth Church for all whose reservations are sent to Mrs. Marie Smith, Plymouth Church, 925 Vermont, Lawrence, before April 27. Reservation cards have been sent to ministers and (or) Church Clerks. Names of official delegates and alternates must also be sent to the above address in order for delegates to receive voting delegates badges. Each church is entitled to the pastor and one additional voting delegate for each 100 members. Churches are urged to have as many in attendance as possible. A snack bar where light lunches may be purchased will be open at Plymouth Church on May 4 and 6 from about 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Centennial Committee

Co-Chairmen of the Conference Centennial Committee are the Reverend Ray Carlton Jones and the Reverend Dale Emerson Turner. Other members are: Mrs. F. W. Epps in charge of pageant arrangements, Mr. C .M. Correll, author of "A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas", Mr. Chester Bidleman, treasurer of the book project, Mr. Rice Phelps and Mr. James Postma in charge of local arrangements. We are indebted to Dr. Walter Upton who chaired the committee from the time it was appointed four years ago until he left the state late in 1953; also to Mr. Frank Korab who was an enthusiastic member of the committee in charge of promotion until his death in September 1952.

Fred Smith's Leave Ellis

Easter Sunday will be the last day in the active pastorate for the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith. Since 1924 they have served Newton, Kansas City Welborn, Leavenworth and Ellis. They resigned some months ago after they made final arrangements to sail on May 5 for a five month's visit to England, their native land.

The Smith's have always worked together as a team. For more than five months Mrs. Smith filled the pulpit at Ellis while Mr. Smith was critcially ill. Each church they have served has been left stronger because of their unique and aggressive ministry.

Both have developed hobbies which they plan to follow in their years of retirement. Mr. Smith writes for a number of religious journals. Mrs. Smith started years ago creating figurines and has completed more than 10,000 in her spare time. The plans for their years ahead sound useful and exciting.

Mrs. Fred Smith with Her Works of Art

Roger, Donna Marie and Billy Poppe

Parsonage Products

No. you aren't seeing things! It's an Easter bunny on the tray of Donna Marie Poppe's chair. A wild cottontail caught by her brother Roger brought joy and delight to the Poppe trio for a short while before it was set free to find its way into the fields.

Easter with its bunnies, candy eggs and Easter bonnets is a happy time for children. But deeper meanings dramatized by the coming of spring can also be taught. Even the smallest child can share the glad joy of Mary as she ran down the garden path singing, "Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive!" That expression of joy voices the Faith of Easter.

Roger, oldest of the Louis Poppe household at Whitewater is 13. He has been to the Junior Hi Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga one year, is a member of the Junior Choir and has been president and Secretary of P.F. in his home church. His athletic interests center in baseball and basketball.

Bill, 11, is in the 5th grade and has been the spark plug on the Whitewater Pee-Wee basketball team which participated in a tournament at Eldorado this spring. Both boys are carriers for the Wichita Morning Eagle.

Donna Marie at 13 months is the pride of the household. Her sunny disposition is very evident in the picture.

Glen L. Argo to Iowa

On March 17, Glen L. Argo candidated at Belle Plaine, Iowa Congregational Church by bringing a Lenten Message at the mid-week service. He was extended a call and will begin his new work May 17. It is significant that this call grew out of the recommendation of a seminary classmate, the Rev. Verne Smith, who had served the church since 1951. Glen and Judy have carried on a constructive piece of work in all departments of the church life at Centralia and well deserve this promotion which came to them unsolicited. The best wishes of all Kansas Congregationalists follow them to their new parish, where we are confident they will meet with the same fine cooperation they have received at Centralia.

McConnell to C.T.S.

James I. McConnell tendered his resignation at Seneca April 18 requesting release to continue his studies at Chicago Theological Seminary where he begins graduate study on June 14. Mr. McConnell came to Seneca in the fall of 1951, soon after graduation from the Vanderbilt University Seminary. On resigning he voiced his deep appreciation to the Seneca church and expressed the sincere hope that the three remaining months of his ministry would be even more rewarding. In taking graduate work, Mr. McConnell hopes to deepen his understandings of our Congregational work and increase his capacity to serve churches of our fellowship.

Flash!

On March 31, after many months of suffering the Rev. Vernon Benson passed to his heavenly reward at his home in Anthony.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor:

Mrs. Amy McFarland
By the Osborne Women

Mrs. Mary Missimer
By the Russell Women

Mrs. M. J. Krepps
Mrs. Alice Gorham
Mrs. Laura Haney
Mrs. Ellen Scott Schultz
By Udall Ladies Circle

Mrs. Maude Gove Barnes
Mrs. Sadie B. Pollman
Mound City Women

Mrs. S. M. Stanford
McPherson Women's Union

Mrs. Frank W. Cutting
Lenora Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Jessie Valandingham
Mrs. Ida Stearns
Towanda Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Michael Epple
Mrs. Barara Lukert
Miss Katherine Weiss
Mrs. George Washburn
Mrs. Amelia Charles
Mrs. J. George Kerr
Mrs. Myrtle Weiss
Mrs. Anna Hollister
Mrs. Bert Sewell
By Sabetha Women

Mrs. Bena Keagy
By Ellis Church Women

Mrs. Georgia Clark
Mrs. Steve Nease
Miss Vera Knickerbacher
By Wichita Fairmount Women's Guild

Mrs. T. D. Grier
Kansas City Welborn Women

Mrs. Ollie Neville
Mrs. Ola Neiberger
Miss Emma Enderlein
Seneca Church Women

Ione Catton To Kansas

Miss Ione Catton, Program Secretary in Missionary Education, out of the Chicago Missions Council Office will spend three days in Kansas May 25, 26 and 27. Mrs. Garrison is arranging one meeting in each association with the Eastern meeting, May 25, at Topeka Central, the Southern meeting May 26, in McPherson and the Western meeting May 27 in Osborne.

Miss Ione Catton

Christian Social Action

Have You Read

"An Open Letter to the Churches" from the Council for Social Action? Each church has received at least one copy of this short publication, if you have not read it, we recommend that you ask your minister about it. Take time now to read and study it. There are eight recommendations of the Board of Review to the Council for Social Action. In the first section, "Emphasis on Education" you will find many questions asked which the individual church member can answer — what do you think? In the sixth recommendation the council seeks advice for increasing effectiveness—what would you like to see done? If you are a delegate, or sending a delegate to General Council in June, you will want to read the full report of The Board of Review and the Open Letter to the Churches and discuss it with your church to be an informed delegate.

Have You Read

The Bulletin from Kansas Commission for UNESCO published in January? One of the recommendations found therein and also in "Toward a More Peaceful World" (CSA—Jan. 1954), is that we invite foreign students attending schools in Kansas into our homes and churches, getting acquainted with them and promoting world friendship and understanding. Nearly every group of church women in Kansas can locate a foreign student in a school close by if they become interested in such a project.

Have You Read

"Social Action" for February 1954 on Ways of Christian Social Action? You will find it easy to read and find there are some good suggestions and questions for churches and individuals to think through; you may even find some answers to some of your questions about Social Action. There is a good section on "Tools of Social Action" and one on "Social Action in the Local Church." You will do some thinking for yourself and for your church if you read and study this little magazine. In case your subscription has run out, the address is: Council For Social Atcion, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y., subscription for one year $1.50; single copies are 25 cents if you should want extra copies of the February issue.

Tours

Remember the tours if there are travellers in your group. The Home Missions Tour through our southern mission stations is right after Easter; the Study and Travel Seminar through Europe and the Middle East is in May and June under the guidance of the Rev. and Mrs. Herman F. Reissig and the United Nations Seminars are in October under the Council for Social Action. Details regarding any of these tours are obtainable from the State Conference Office.

Mrs. Elmer E. Erickson
Social Action Secretary

CORRECTION

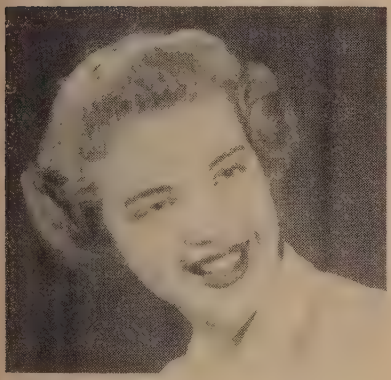
Our overseas missionary —
Mrs. Horace K. Wright
is in
INDIA — not Africa.

Her Address is:
American Marathi Mission
Satara,
India

Attend the Catton meeting in your association late in May.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Brown, President **Mike Walker, Secretary**



Myrle Barton, Southern Secretary
Wichita Fairmount

Southern's Secretary, Myrle Barton, has been active in Pilgrim Fellowship and a camper for several years. She is well known by many in her Association because of visits with other team members to local P. F. groups.

"Let's Have A Clean City"

That is the slogan of Smith Center Junior PFers in their new community project reported by Barbara Nichols, president. Following a study of ways to improve the community, action resulted and permission was granted to provide trash cans for Main Street. Oil drums given by a local garage will be painted by the PFers and placed at convenient locations. Congratulations, kids!

"God In Our Lives"

Title of new Youth Fellowship Program No. 5 by Frances W. Eastman.

Is Your P.F. Pledge Paid?

There is only a short time until camp when we have our goal set for the completion of our $2100 Christian Action Pledge. The following have paid:

Centralia (Senior)	$ 10.00
Gaylord (Junior)	10.00
Great Bend (Junior High)	35.00
Hutchinson	15.00
Kansas City Welborn	100.00
Lenora (Junior High)	5.00
McPherson (Senior)	25.00
Ottawa	25.00
Russell	33.00
Sabetha	30.00
Sedgwick	6.00
Smith Center	9.76
Topeka Seabrook	40.00
Whitewater (Junior High)	15.00
Wichita Plymouth	125.00
	$499.92

Work Day for Christ receipts now total $1063.57.

Maureen Taylor, Eastern Secretary
Ottawa

What's Going On In P.F.?

What you do in P.F. is important. If your church is not reported why not see to it that it is next month. Send us your news.

Wichita Fairmount

A pageant, "History of the Crosses" was presented March 31.

Gorham

Entertainment and fun preceded an old fashioned box supper March 17.

Kinsley

This newly reorganized group had a "whitewash party". They cleaned the church basement and whitewashed the walls. This will provide extra space that has been unused for boy scouts, a Sunday School room and a recreation room for the P.F. On February 22 they sponsored a church supper and raised $40.00 to pay toward a new filmstrip projector.

Wichita Pilgrim

A hayride on March 20 was enjoyed by all who attended.

Smith Center

Miss Dotsie Tokushige from Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii and a junior at Hays State College was a guest speaker for this group March 14.

Centralia

A special program arranged by the PF was presented March 18 for the Social Union Annual Spring Missionary Tea. On March 7 the juniors had a backward party. The seniors invited the Methodist group for a treasure hunt March 8.

Have you seen the Camp Slides yet?

Russell

A food sale held in one of the downtown stores brought in $25.00 for this group.

Topeka Central

Seniors have been creating posters and helping with plans for the Centennial Pageant. "Tips for Making Your Voice Count" was a program topic.

Kansas City Ruby

A record player was received from the Ar-Con Class and a shuffleboard has been painted in the floor of Friendship Hall. Saturday night is Fun Night for both Junior High and Seniors. Plans are being made for camp. The Junior Hi's made $31.00 on a Penny Sale February 23.

Topeka First

The Seniors have been visiting churches of other faiths — Roman Catholic and a Jewish Synagogue. On March 7 parents were invited and the discussion led by Mary Sears was "What Is High School For?"

Muscotah

Officers for the next six months are: President — Jane Stirton, Vice President — Barbara Stephenson, and Secretary-Treasurer — JoAnn Tinsley.

Kay Cutting Joins Caravan

Kay is from Lenora and has already received word that she has been accepted to join a team of other young people June 15 for six weeks of training, traveling and working in churches wherever assigned. She will no doubt have additional camping experiences in other states. If you are looking for adventure and a worthwhile summer, why not join a caravan? Write for information.

It's Camp Time!

This picture snapped in the hall at Topeka High caught our State P.F. President, Roger Brown, in a natural pose. He had just been elected King of an all-school party. With him is Carol Crosby who reigned as Queen. But now Roger wants to chat with you about Camp:

Hi Campers!

Boy! If you all have been half as busy as I've been these past seven months of school, you probably can't believe that it's March. The last of March to boot. But it's here. That time when any red-blooded guy or gal across the state, who has ever had any contact with Wa-Shun-Ga begins to daydream. You remember the campfire, Vision Hill, Talent Night, the pool; all the wonderful times you've had before and you try to imagine all the fun and inspiration that's going to go together to make up this year's week of camp.

Uncle Ray Jones of Topeka First is our new State Sponsor. Let's all get behind him and help to make this year's camp the best ever. Each year's camp always does get better, if possible, because each of us is older and able to put more into camp; thus getting more out. All our old favorites will be there, plus some new ones and I hear the buildings even have a new coat of paint.

I know we'll all miss Uncle Elmer, but our loss will be the Junior Camp's gain.

For some of us this may be our last year of camp, although we'll certainly do our best to see that it isn't! For others it may be the first. To you I extend greeting from all the PFer's over the state and tell you that you've got one whale of a time before you. For those of you who aren't quite decided yet, decide right now that you're coming! You'll never regret it.

So start dragging out the swim suits, limber up your tennis racket, and start getting in the mood for the best week of the year.

Senior Camp — June 6-12; Junior Hi Camp — June 13-19. I'll be waiting for you — so will Wa-Shun-Ga. Don't let us down!

Your fellow camper,
Roger Brown, State President

P.S.: Camp Russell, May 30-June 5 is a new venture for Junior Hi's in Western Association. Uncle George Fisk is Director, Uncle Hans Poppe is Business Manager and Tommy Takami of Doane College is Guest Leader. Don't miss it, you Western Junior Hi's!

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Ted and Myra Clark
Kindergarten Class
Topeka Central

Couples Working Together

The proportion of women teachers in the church school is usually much greater than the men teachers. Children have often asked, "Where is the Daddy?" It provides a natural situation for mixed class groups and quite often helps to prevent behavior problems. Couples who teach together have found greater joy and interest in serving the church in this capacity. When boys and girls see a couple working together, sharing their experiences and really enjoy playing and working with each other as well as members of the group, they get a deeper Christian attitude toward home and family life. Another father, Ralph Gamber, has joined the growing group of Topeka Central men who say, "Teaching religion is important." The pamphlet "Let The Couples Work Together" is 4 cents from Conference Office.

National Family Week, May 2-9

"A Troubled World Needs Christian Families" is the theme. Basically, the troubles of our world are spiritual. The home is unique in its contribution to the spiritual life and health of family members. The following materials may be helpful for you and your family in your spiritual quest.

"PAGES OF POWER"—"The Family Bible Lives Anew" is for family devotions to make Bible reading more meaningful to the whole family. 5 cents.

"WE ASK THE LORD'S BLESSING"—a folder of printed graces. 10 cents.

Order direct from National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago.

Russell Studies Program

The Board of Religious Education has formulated an official constitution and outlined a program for the church school and all related educational activities of the church. Copies of the constitution and aims of the program, plus a listing of what is expected of the church school teachers and superintendents will be given each teacher. All new teachers will be installed into office, as are other church officers. In addition, a second booklet will be prepared for the families. Details will be given so parents will understand the program as regards their responsibility at home.

Chicks To Egypt

At Easter time comes this appropriate appeal to send baby chicks where they are needed for underfed children. Heifer Project, Inc., is an interfaith agency that has been shipping livestock to underdeveloped and war ruined areas. Last September 35,000 chicks were successfully flown from New York to Cairo. This project is practical since it is self-perpetuating. Two dozen of the eggs produced by each chick are in turn hatched and then distributed to other families. Church schools may participate by sending money to the State Conference marked "For Chicks to Egypt." Write Room 102, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass. for free visual materials to better dramatize it for children.

Pilgrim Series Preview Meetings

On March 28 Colonial Church, Prairie Village was host to Kansas City Ruby, First Pilgrim, Rosedale and Welborn churches for a planning period and discussion of the Spring Quarter's church school program. Guest leaders included Mrs. Charles Peterson, Lawrence, Mrs. Alton Haun, Topeka, Mrs. Fay Duffin, Rosedale, Mrs. Betty Lawler, Welborn, and Mrs. Robert Hicklin, First Pilgrim. Rev. Theodore Goodale and Pauline Bloomer also assisted. On April 4 Great Bend was host to Kinsley, Ford, Russell and Lenora for a similar planning session. Rev. Malcolm White and Mrs. C. E. Georgeson arranged the program. Guest leaders included Mrs. James McKeeman, Lenora and Mr. Phillip Berschauer, Russell. These preview meetings are sponsored by the State Christian Education Committee. Churches using Pilgrim Series can strengthen their church school through this basic teacher training and planning program. Write Conference if interested in details.

Modern Circuit Riding

"People helping people" is a wonderful phrase, and it was demonstrated in the churches visited by the Pilgrim Circuit Rider and her assistants. Today's circuit rider is a woman and instead of riding a horse, she drives a fine fully equipped stationwagon with materials of every sort to help our churches in America. Miss Leila Anderson was in Kansas the first two weeks in March and visited Wakefield, Seneca, Stanley, Carbondale, Plevna, Pleasant Hill, Neola, Garfield, Lincoln, Olive Hill, Downs, Gaylord, Athol, and Almena. Many conferences were held at each stop. All the people who were helped were not in the churches, for the circuit riders received warm welcomes, wonderful food, and fine places to rest. They were helped by the interest and appreciation shown at each stop. It's fine to be some of the "people helping people."

—Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Topeka
One of the circuit riders

The Conference wishes to express appreciation to all who helped in leadership for this program. They are Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Mr. C. M. Correll, Mrs. A. H. Bartter, Mr. Gordon Jones, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, Mr. Dan Hopkins and Mr. Chester Bidleman.

"Let's See America" Big Success

This All Church Project for the Winter quarter was carried out in many churches. Space forbids a description of some of the fine activities carried on in Lenora, Sabetha and McPherson. This imaginary tour of our Home Mission projects is suitable for use any time. If you are looking for a

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good church night program and do not have a copy of the Winter Quarter Manual write the Conference. This is a project the entire church will enjoy.

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The Church

A lamp to the pathway of youth;
A crown to the uplifted heart;
A glow of assurance when we seek the truth;
A beacon of hope in the dark.
The instrument with which God seeks
To accomplish His will in this world,
To be ruled by the just and the meek,
When the banner of Christ is unfurled.

—Amelia L. Jack, Russell

Unruh's In Accident

The Rev. and Mrs. Noah Unruh and one daughter were injured in a car accident on March 5 near Sedgwick. Mr. Unruh was confined in the Axtell Hospital at Newton for several weeks and Mrs. Unruh and the daughter were at Bethel. We hope for their complete recovery soon.

Near East Dinner

On Wednesday, March 24, a typical Near East dinner was sponsored at Wichita Plymouth Church by Mrs. R. H. Garvey, Mrs. John W. Gibson and others in the church. The meal was in charge of the Mayflower Circle with Mrs. H. D. Ayres, Chairman. An exhibit of things from Bible Lands was on display.

Following the dinner Mrs. Garvey presided at a lenten service in the sanctuary where Mrs. Gibson spoke, telling of her experiences in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Greece, France and the British Isles.

Air Conditioning At Russell

Air conditioning is being installed in the Russell Church at a cost of about $4000.00. This will be the first church in our Kansas fellowship to have this comfort. With the improvement the Rev. Mr. Poppe is organizing for a twelve month church program.

Midwest Missions Institute

The City; India, Pakistan and Ceylon will be the areas of missionary study for 1954-55. Excellent opportunity is availible to those who have responsibility for programs in missionary education. Beautiful Chautauqua Grounds at Boulder, Colorado will be the location for the institute held June 13-19. If you prefer another date or location then you may want to consider the one to be held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., August 2-6. Write Conference for details if interested.